

on 7th April 1961 to make Shanthisagar in Channagiri Taluk as a Tourist Centre ;

(b) whether any representation was made to have a garden there and also to provide a boat for the tourists who come there and if so, what arrangements have been made in this behalf ;

(c) whether they will take immediate steps to provide all the facilities to make Shanthisagar as a Tourist Centre ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—

(a) Representation was made to the Minister for Public Works and Electricity by the Hireganguru Grama Panchayat on 17th June 1961.

(b) The Representation is to develop the place as tourist centre, and to provide the boating facilities for the benefit of the tourists.

(c) Proposals are being considered

Construction of a Building for Harijans Hostel at Holalkere.

*Q.—461. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have sanctioned Plans and Estimates for the construction of building for Harijans Hostel at Holalkere ;

(b) whether a revised estimate was also prepared and if so, for what amount ;

(c) whether they would sanction the revised estimate early ?

A.—Smt. YASHODHARA DASAPPA (Minister for Social Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, a fresh estimate for Rs. 63,000.

(c) Under consideration of Government.

Destruction of Tamarind and other Trees.

*Q.—619. Sri M. C. ANJANEYA REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that the tamarind and other trees are being cut and destroyed as there is no proper watch over them ;

(b) whether it is not desirable to hand over all the trees to the respective Panchayats in order to avoid this kind of destruction ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(a) No.

(b) Orders have already been issued vesting with the Panchayats the trees standing on lands transferred to Panchayats.

MYSORE FOREST BILL, 1962. Introduced.

Sri B. RACHIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—Sir, I beg to introduce the Mysore Forest Bill, 1962, which has been published in the Mysore Gazette, as per rule 72, of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Bill is introduced.

Member's Representation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ (ತಿರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಮಗೆ ನಾನು ಒಂದು "Call Attention Notice" ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೆ. I had sent a call-attention notice.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is it relating to the Police incidents ?

Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—With regard to this matter, I think it will come up tomorrow. It will be put in the agenda tomorrow.

Yesterday, Sri Sivappa, the Leader of the Opposition, raised the question of a breach of privilege by the Hon'ble Chief Minister having addressed a press conference. Has he got the press cutting with him ?

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelgola).—If the chair wants.. ..

Mr. SPEAKER.—"If I want"! Have I ever demanded it?

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I had brought it yesterday, Sir, and I have not brought it today. I will bring it tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Then I will say that nothing has been placed before me that there has ever been a press conference. I am not going to give the ruling now, but tomorrow.

Sri G. V. GOWDA (Palya).—Should not the Hon'ble Chief Minister, against whom this charge is made, have an opportunity to say something in the matter?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If I feel that there is any scope for the Hon'ble Chief Minister to be called upon, I will do it. If I feel that there is no scope, I won't do it. Sri G. Venkatai Gowda is an experienced parliamentarian and by this time he should have known....

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Hebbur).—I have a request to make, Sir. In the agenda for tomorrow, debate on the Resources and Economy Committee report is put down. Most of the Members are likely to go to their places. So it would be better if it is not put down for tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Evidently, the hon. member is in a hurry to go. Let the present business be over.

MYSORE SALES TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

Motion to Considered

Debate Continued.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think only the Minister has to reply today.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—I want to reply, Sir, but it depends on the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no individual predilections. It should depend on the members. Are there members who are desirous of participating?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes, Sir.

(A number of Hon'ble members stood)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Suryanarayana Rao may speak. He should please take ten minutes only.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO (Mysore City).—Sir, I would like to offer a few suggestions for the consideration of the Hon'ble Finance Minister and for the Select Committee while taking a decision on matters of importance contained in this Bill. At the outset, I would like to say that it is rather unfortunate that the series of Bills presented to this House have all been with effect from 1st April 1962. As I have repeated during the consideration of the previous Bill, except the Stamp Act, all have retrospective effect. I wish they had bestowed a little thought over it and made this applicable from the date it comes into force. What it means is this. We are proposing to tax new items under the Sales Tax Bill. Unless sales tax is collected, it is not possible to pay the amount. Supposing it is made retrospective and if it counts from the period it becomes applicable, there is every likelihood of a person who not liable to pay that tax now would become liable by the enforcement of the Act. This being an Act which has to cover a large number of items and a large number of persons, it is very necessary to avoid hardship being caused to any particular section of the people, and the date should be the date on which this Act comes into force.

There is another little error, to my mind, in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. It may or may not be too serious. Still it is an error to my mind. "The rate of tax on pulses and on gold and silver articles may be raised from one to two per cent."

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Perhaps the Hon'ble Member knows that the Statement of Objects and Reasons does not form part of the Bill.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—I know. It does not form part of the Bill. This is only to enable the members, to assist the members in the discussion or appreciate and offer suggestions. But a mistake seems to have crept into the statement of Objects and Reasons. This may kindly be looked